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UN Security Council Summoned

Paris, Dec. 20.—The United Nations Security Council has been summoned to meet this morning to discuss the situation in Indonesia where Dutch troops have opened what they call "police action" against Indonesian terrorists.

The request for the Council meeting was made by the United States, supported by Australia. The office of the Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations said, however, that it was entirely possible there would not be a quorum available and that the meeting would have to be later.

A spokesman explained that when the Security Council recessed on Friday night there was agreement that two or three days' notice would be given before a future session. He said some delegates may be out of town.

The meeting was called for today nevertheless, in view of the urgency of the situation.

The Indonesian Republic delegation here had asked the Council to discuss the question on Friday, but the appeal was ignored.—Associated Press.

SEVERAL REPUBLICAN LEADERS CAPTURED

Soekarno And Hatta Under Detention

Batavia, Dec. 19.—The Dutch Army tonight occupied the Indonesian Republican capital, Jogjakarta, and captured all the chief Republican leaders—within 24 hours of launching its "police action" against the Republic. Normally this would prove a paralysing blow but as the Republican forces are adapted to guerrilla warfare, a complete collapse of Indonesian resistance has not followed.

With the Republican Radio at Jogjakarta silent, the only information available tonight came from official Dutch sources, and it was difficult to judge the strength of the Republican resistance.

The Dutch Army Command has not disclosed its immediate objective and there was no indication if the advance of its police forces were going according to plan.

No linkup between the airborne troops dropped on Jogjakarta and Dutch ground forces has yet been announced nor any news of the progress towards a junction.

The leading Republican prisoners—President I. R. Soekarno, the Premier, Dr Mohammed Hatta, and Dr Sutan Sjahrir, ex-Premier, among others—were held in the homes of the President, Dr Soekarno, and Dr Hatta.

Birth Follows

Flight From H.K.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Mrs Wong Lum Lai Jin, 21, gave birth to a 5 lb. 6 oz. boy in the South San Francisco Hospital on Saturday, just one hour after she arrived on a Philippines Air Lines plane from Hongkong.

Wong Ho-tin, 24, who said he was the husband of the new mother, was taken into custody by the immigration authorities who questioned his assertions that he was an American citizen. He said his and his wife were en route to Bakersfield, Calif.—Associated Press.

A Dutch Army communiqué announced that after the capture of Jogjakarta airfield a plane flying boat—captured in Jogjakarta by an American landed with seven passengers, all of whom had been interned for investigation.

The capture of the Indonesian leaders was made during the paratroopers' occupation of Jogjakarta. Included among the interned persons were Air Commodore Soerjadi, the Republican Foreign Minister, Hajji Agoes Salim, and the chairman of the Indonesian Provisional Parliament, Dr Asan.

The internees were taken to the Palace of President Soekarno, the communiqué added.

EDITORIAL

Much Talking, Little Done

THE United Nations Assembly in Paris has adjourned without finishing its agenda or without settling any of the major issues which it debated. It has been a session of unbroken talk, with little achieved, and it is a fact to be deplored that the prestige of UN is now at its lowest. The truth is that the difficulties encountered by the United Nations Organisation have resulted principally, if not entirely, from the progressive revelation of Russian policy designed to promote the ascendancy of Soviet Communism in the world. Instead of co-operation there has been on the part of Russia persistent obstruction, inordinate use of the veto, and vilification of countries from whose policies she differs. To such an extent have these tactics been pursued that a great majority of the members of the United Nations resolved to regard themselves as a "Little Assembly" without Russia, and her group of satellite states; and one of the more significant decisions taken during the Paris session has been to maintain this "Little Assembly" for at least another 12 months. The decision is significant because it appears to involve by implication the possibility that the United Nations might face the unpleasant prospect of becoming "disunited nations" rather than submit indefinitely to Soviet obstruction. But if in point of positive achievement the Paris session has been disappointing, it has not been uneventful. Future developments alone can show whether it has brought nearer a tolerable settlement in Palestine. The murder of the United Nations Mediator, Count Bernadotte, should have strengthened the determination of the Assembly to make sure that his heroic and self-sacrificing labours were not in vain. Doubtless his task had been considerably complicated by hasty generalisation on the part of the United States and Russia, of the

State of Israel, a recognition that embittered Arab feeling and to that extent rendered a position which was inherently intractable more intractable still. On the other hand it must be admitted that ventilation of Jewish and Arab claims before an international forum may have done more to promote a truce agreement than could have been done by secret diplomatic negotiations between the interested governments. If the same can hardly be said of the efforts to bring about a lifting of the Russian blockade of Berlin, those efforts have undoubtedly helped to clear the minds of not a few delegations upon the reasons for Western resistance to Russian policies. The argument which is sometimes used, that continued membership of the United Nations is valued by Russia chiefly for purposes of propaganda, overlooks the consideration that publicity may be no less valuable to those countries whose policy Soviet spokesmen denounce. In the appeal to world opinion it is by no means certain that the Paris Assembly has enhanced the efficiency of Communist propaganda. Yet behind this appeal the anxious question remains unanswered whether the world is in reality moving towards a less unsettled state or towards inevitable conflict. Germany is divided, Korea is divided and unrest prevails in many other regions. On the comparatively subordinate issues, such as the future of former Italian colonies, the argument which is sometimes used, that continued membership of the United Nations is in sight. On many others—a "cold war" rather than peace seems the major possibility. Even this probability does not necessarily prove the United Nations futile. Its very existence compels potential or actual aggressors to reckon with its moral judgment and deters them from incurring its ultimate condemnation. Once again doubters and skeptics are constrained to ask themselves: "Would things be better if the United Nations did not exist?"

PRESS CENSORSHIP

Batavia was completely calm today, the police arresting 40 people in the city during the night. The Dutch authorities have imposed a censorship on press cables. Little damage appeared to have been done during the occupation of Jogjakarta by Dutch paratroops, according to news reaching here.

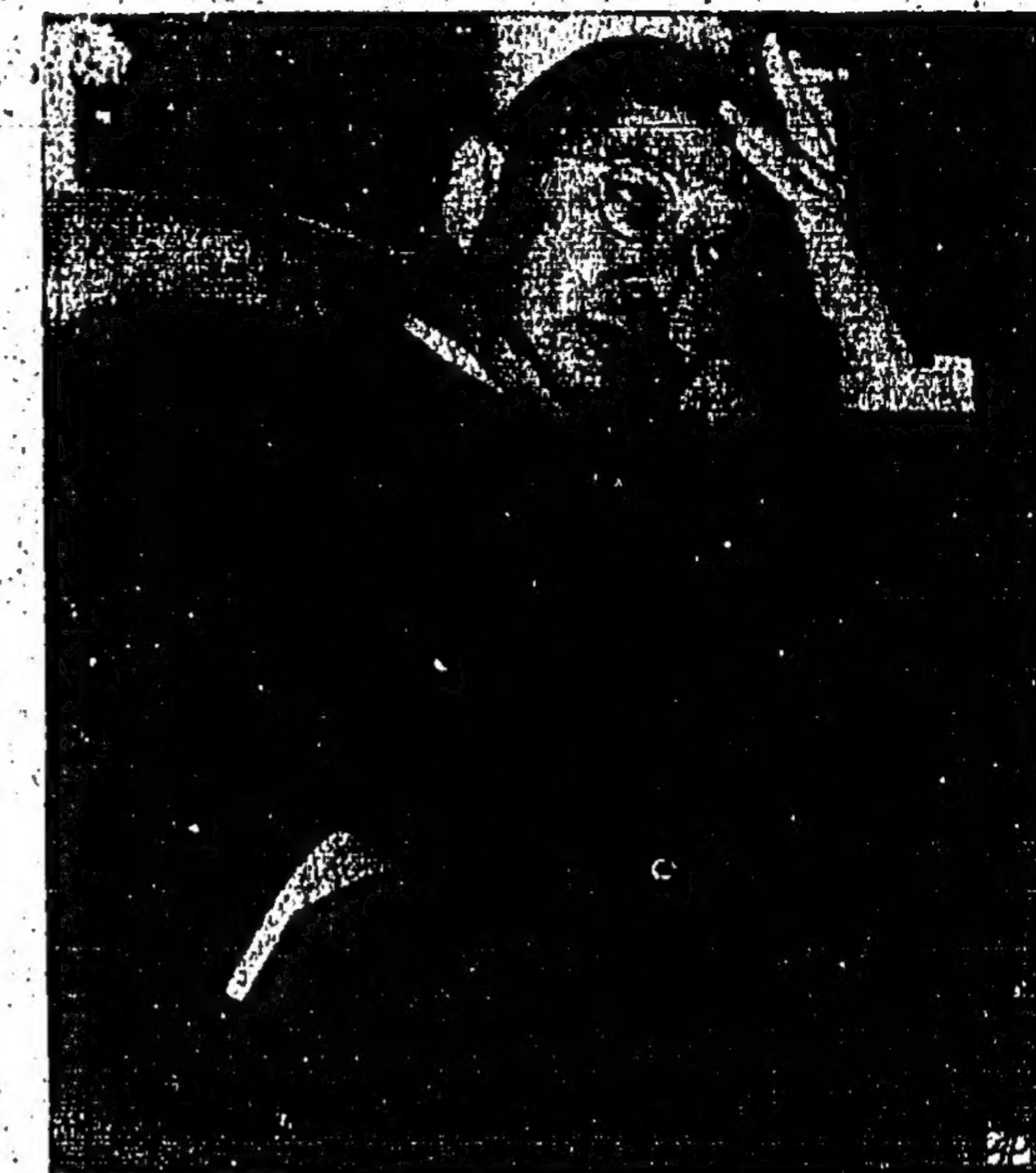
ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Mr Stikker said the Federal Interim Government which the Dutch had announced they would create had not yet been formed. Mr Stikker said that sovereignty and responsibility remain with the Netherlands, although "we hope to hand them over to the Indonesians soon."

He said the Federal states—including the state of Pasundan on Western Java and the state of Western Borneo—would probably welcome the Dutch action to restore order.

He said the "police action" was made necessary by violations of the truce agreement by forces against non-Republican Indonesians and violent threats against anyone who desired to accept honesty and loyalty of the Dutch act in favour of Indonesian freedom.—United Press.

Fails In His Quest



Dr Sun Yat-sen, new premier of China, who has failed in his quest to form a Cabinet, meditates a moment before answering a question during an interview in his home at Shanghai.

REPORTS FROM THE CHINA WAR FRONTS

Reds Are Closer To Nanking

Nanking, Dec. 20.—The Communists edged closer to Nanking and increased their pressure around Tientsin yesterday, but only scattered fighting was reported from any China warfront.

Unofficial sources in this capital said Communist bands were repulsed in an attack on Hsiennumou, only 15 miles north of the Yangtze River and 50 miles northeast of Nanking.

The Communist radio reported capture of Tienchang, 50 miles

north of Nanking and 35 miles

northwest of Hsiennumou.

While pro-Government papers in

alist the Sixth Army Group and

the 20th Army had joined at

Pengpu, Seymour Topping Ameri-

cated Press correspondent in

Pengpu, reported Government forces had retreated south from that city 108 miles northwest of Nanking.

Pengpu was the anchor of the

Huai River defence line. Topping

reported the Government was forced

to abandon it after the Reds pierced

the line and by-passed Pengpu on

both sides.

NEW HEADQUARTERS

Now government field head-
quarters were set up at Chuhelen, only
30 miles northwest of Nanking on the railway from Pengpu.

There was no further government
word concerning the encircled 12th
Army group, which the Communists
had listed as destroyed northwest
of Pengpu or from the two
Government army groups trapped
southwest of Suchow.

The Communist radio said General

Huang Wei and General Wu Shou

Chow, Commander and vice-Com-

mander of the 12th were among the

captives.

Harold K. Mills, Associated Press
correspondent who flew from
Nanking to Communist surrounded
Peiping, radioed that he passed over

the two encircled groups, 35 miles

southwest of Hsuehchow on Friday.

He saw no signs of any effort to

break out.

Mills said the Nationalist armies

as in Peiping seemed to have

reached a stage of sitting and

waiting. Mills and a party of

correspondents and U.S. military

attachés were cut off temporarily in

Peiping by Communist seizure of

that city's South airfield.

PEIPING CALM

A small emergency field laid out
inside the walls was considered too
dangerous. A heavily loaded plane to
"Off. Wilkinson General Fu
Tien-chang, North China," Commander

proposed to receive the South

Field as the Americans could leave.

Ringed by Communists, Peiping

remained calm with its high thick

walls where General Wu may

concentrated his 100,000 men. There

were some minor patrol actions out-

side, but abandonment of a number

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Snow Sweeping The U.S.

21 PEOPLE DIE IN ACCIDENTS

Chicago, Dec. 19.—A driving snowstorm pelted the East today and the toll of dead in weather accidents rose in the nation.

Heavy snow was swept into the East from the Mid-Western States, where it left a blanket four to seven inches thick and slowed highway traffic to a crawl.

At least 21 persons were killed in accidents attributed to the weather, including 13 who died in the collision of two buses on a slippery, snow-covered highway near Bellvue in Utah last night.

Weather forecasters here said snow was falling from Virginia to the Southern New England States after moving across Ohio and Pennsylvania. In New York City, the fall began in the early morning and had reached 15 inches by 7 p.m. EST. It is expected to continue until midnight at the rate of 1½ inches hourly.

SNOW FIGHTERS OUT

The big city, mindful of its record 28.8-inch fall last December 23, sent 7,500 snow fighters out on the streets to handle clearing operations.

Snow fell steadily at Philadelphia and delayed the championship professional football game between Philadelphia Eagles and Chicago Cardinals for half an hour.

Two persons were killed at Sommers Point, New Jersey, when their car skidded off a bridge into a stream, and there highway fatalities were counted in Illinois, where the snowfall was as much as seven inches. Eleven persons were injured four seriously, in Manhattan when a single auto carrying 13 persons skidded and hit a power pole.

Only intermittent snow remained in the mid-West, but the highways were slick with ice and slush and motorists were warned to drive carefully. Forecasters said rain was falling in the Southwest and some "snow falling" in Montana and North Dakota. Elsewhere the weather was clear.—United Press.

NEW YORK'S 17.5 IN

New York, Dec. 19.—A snowstorm ravelling, the record "big snow of 1947" buried New York in swirling white drifts today and promised to disrupt the resumption tomorrow morning of pre-Christmas activity.

At 9 p.m. the snow had reached depths of 17.5 inches. The Weather Bureau predicted that the storm would become the third worst in the history of the city, ranking only behind the 25.8 record of last December 26 and the blizzard of 1888.

The Bureau said the snow, lashed by strong Northeast winds, would continue until early tomorrow morning, piling up to 20 inches. The snow began at 6:20 a.m.

Unlike last December, this storm did not catch the city unawares. The Sanitation Department, which removed 98,000,000 tons of snow last year, threw 18,000 men and 3,200 snow-fighting machines into the fight to keep open the city's 5,000 miles of streets.—United Press.

Palestine War Over Says Bunche

New York, Dec. 19.—Dr Ralph Bunche, acting United Nations mediator in Palestine, today declared that the war in Palestine was over.

Dr Bunche arrived from Europe and said: "I'd say we're in

Palestine in a present over. Any fighting going on there is only local incidents. The problem of Palestine is well on the way to final solution.

The Jewish State is firmly established and the immigration problem also well on the way to solution."—United Press.

Bride Killed Hour After Wedding

Sydney, Dec. 19.—Less than an hour after her marriage, a 19-year-old bride was killed instantly today while riding with her husband on a motor-cycle to their wedding breakfast at Warwick, Queensland.

The cycle skidded in sight of the members of both families who were following by car. The bride's skull was fractured and her 21-year-old husband suffered severe cuts and shock.

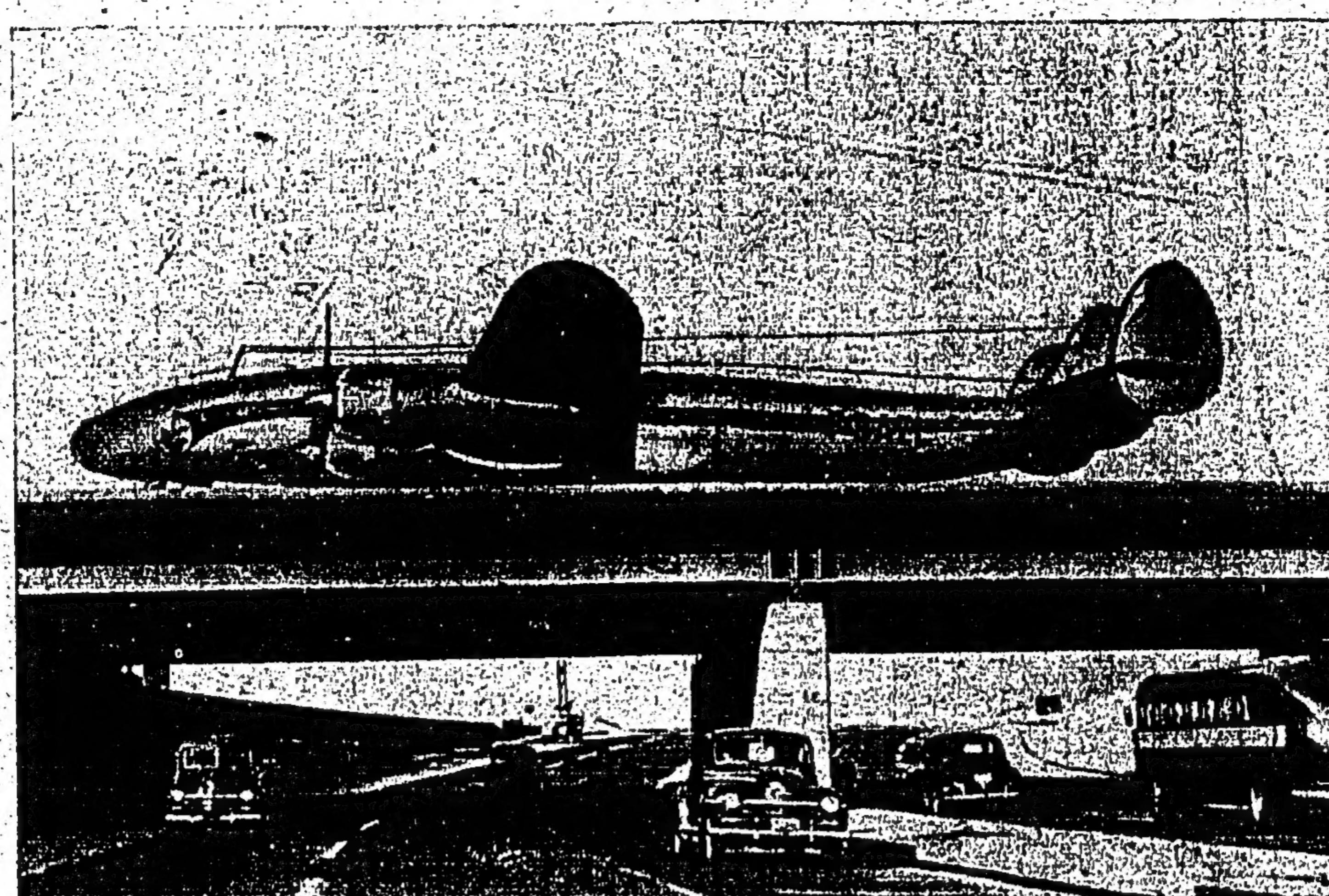
The minister who married them will officiate at the girl's funeral.

Reuter.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



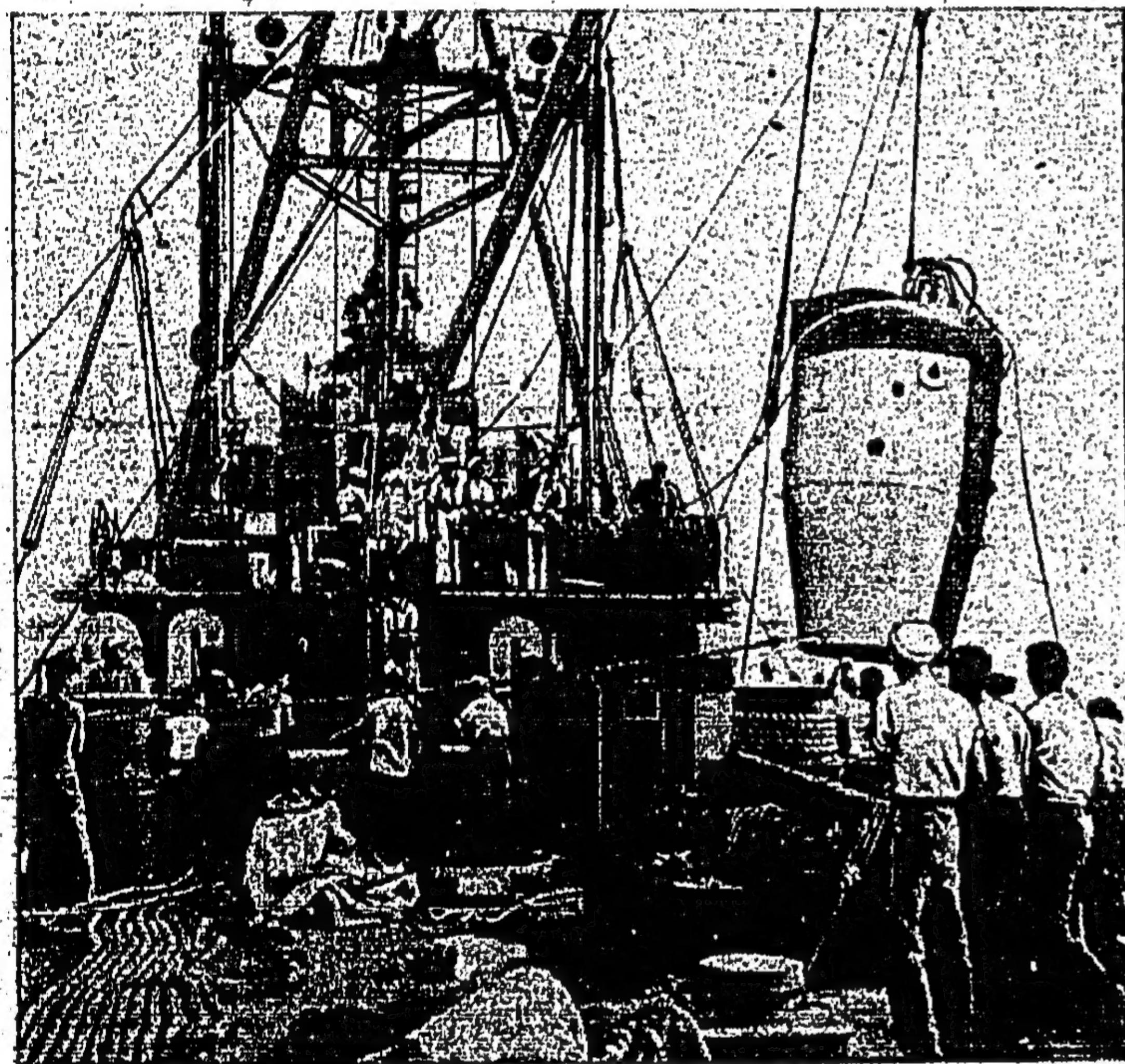
BUTCHERY BECOMES A LOST ART — Mrs Charlotte Von Schmude and daughter, Gudrun, look on as a Berlin butcher wields a tin opener while the cleaver lies idle. Most of the meat sent in by the airlift is in tins. Weekly rationing is strict, but sometimes the allotment exceeds ability to pay.



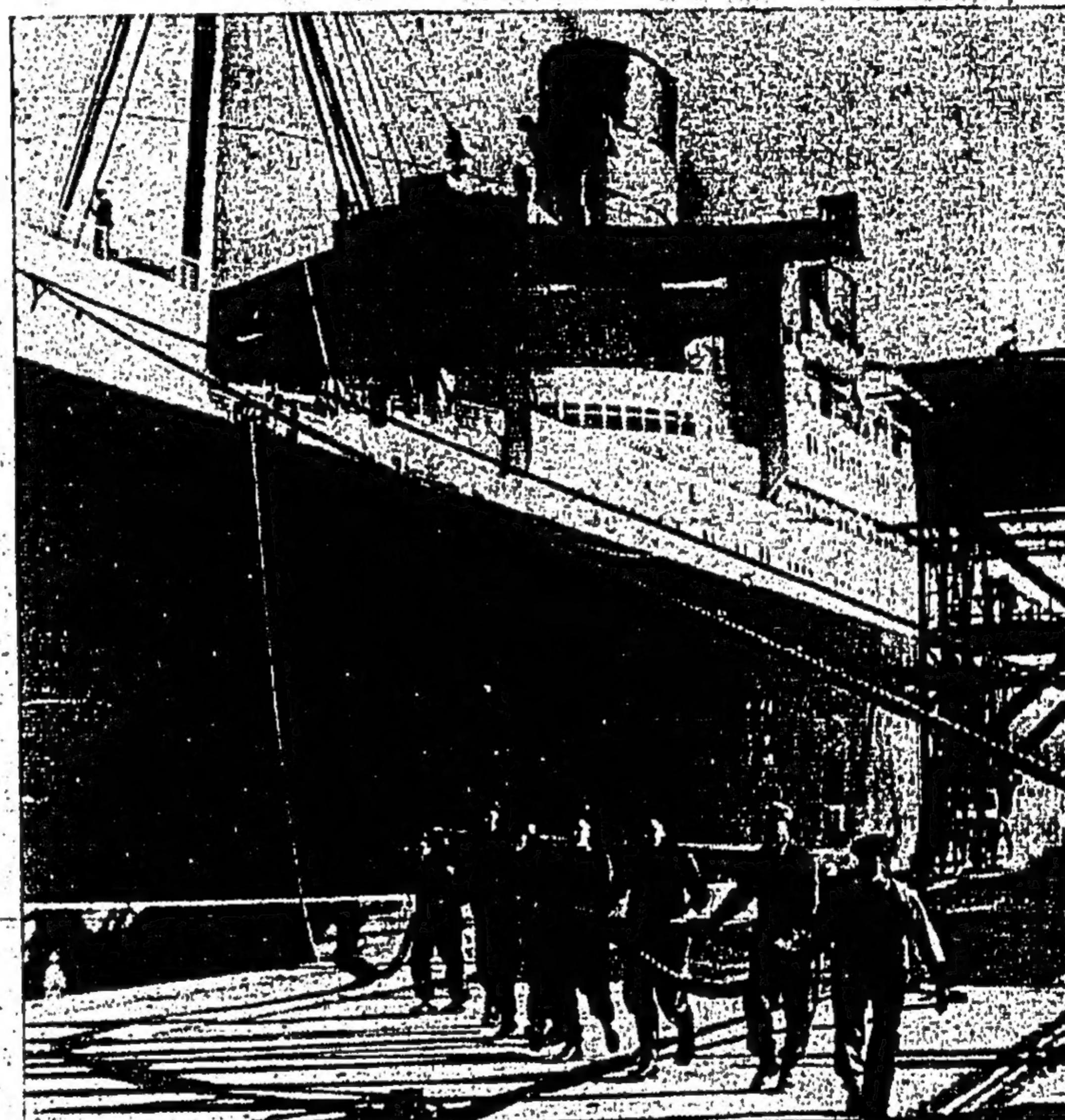
FAST MOVING WORLD—A giant Constellation taxis over the world's first roadway underpass at International Airport, New York. Built to permit simultaneous movement of aircraft and surface vehicles, it has two taxiway bridges, each capable of sustaining 300,000-pound planes.



PEACE TO MEN OF GOOD WILL—A choir boy assists the monks ringing the bells in the tower of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. With Christmas approaching, the eyes of the world turn to the birthplace of Christ, this little town in a troubled, war-torn land.



SUBMARINE RESCUE PRACTICE—Crew members aboard the USS Bluebird prepare to lower a nine-ton diving bell into 168 feet of water off Maui, Hawaii. Five men aboard the sub USS Bumper were "rescued" and the submarine "salvaged" during this semi-annual practice session.



CRADLE FOR BRITISH SEA QUEENS—Workers haul ropes from bollard to bollard until the Queen Mary is in the exact spot over the blocks in the King George V graving dock in Southampton. In operation since 1933, the drydock, largest in the world, can accommodate ships up to 100,000 tons. The 81,000-ton Queen Mary is in for its annual overhauling.



WARTIME UNDERGROUND WORKER—Miss Amanda Stassgart flew from her native Belgium to the U.S. to be on hand for Freedom Train ceremonies in Staten Island, N. Y. Credited with rescuing 60 Allied fliers during World War II, she is getting a thank you kiss from two of them, former Sgt. T. B. Wiggins and former Lt. Thomas B. Applewhite.

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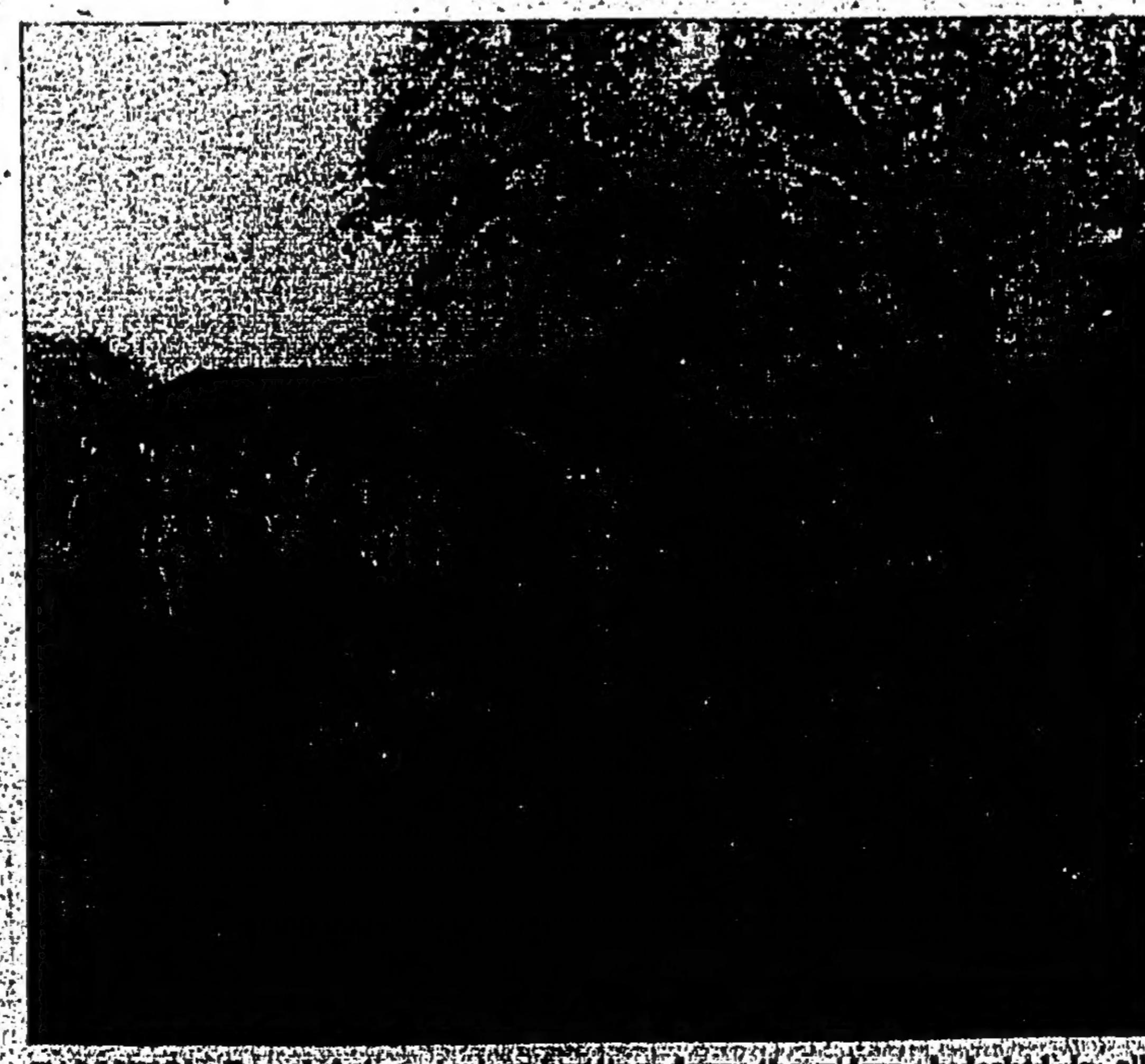
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15 YEARS FOR YOKOHATA

Man Who Ill-Treated S'hai Residents

Sentence of 15 years' imprisonment was passed by the War Crimes Court at Lyemun Barracks this morning on Sgt-Major Yokohata Toshiro, 35, a member of the Legal Section of the Shanghai Gendarmerie during 1942, for being concerned in the ill-treatment of Shanghai residents.

The sentence is subject to confirmation, and the Defence Counsel was reminded by the Court regarding the procedure to be adopted in the event of a petition being submitted to higher authorities.

The Court deliberated for 25 minutes before pronouncing sentence.

Yokohata declined to give any evidence or make any statement on his own behalf.

The Court comprised Lieut-Col. S. R. Kerr (President), Major B. H. Craig, Biffs, and Capt. H. M. McLeod-Martin, Middlesex (Member).

The Prosecutor was Major Peter Clague, RA (of the Army Legal Services Department, GHQ, FARLE).

The accused was represented by Mr Kakehi Masao (Japanese barrister) with Capt. W. R. L. Herries as advisory officer to the defence.

Yokohata was charged with being concerned in the ill-treatment of civilians residents in Shanghai, and in particular to Henry Forsyth Pringle, Alexander Haindray, Ernest Le Roy Healey, Morris Joseph Souleitch, Boris S. Frank, the Rev. W. H. Hudspeth, Kenneth William Johnstone and William Slade Bungay, detained in the cells of the Headquarters of the Shanghai Gendarmerie at Bridge House, causing them all physical suffering between September 1 and November 30, 1942, while serving as a sergeant in the Gendarmerie.

MISERABLE LIFE

On his arraignment on December 9, Yokohata made a frank admission of his guilt, but his plea was rejected by the Court after deliberation, and the case proceeded to trial. Following the production of evidence in the form of affidavits from the victims of the ill-treatment, the Court found the accused guilty on December 11.

Yesterday, three documents testifying to Yokohata's character were submitted to the Court for consideration.

One was from Yokohata's wife, Nagai Midori, who spoke of the misery of their life in present-day Japan. Her husband, she said, had been their mainstay before he was arrested as a suspected war criminal. Since then, her aged father, a 74-year-old man, had been forced to find employment, although he was physically handicapped, in order to support the family, which consisted of their two children and two other children belonging to Yokohata's elder brother who was killed in the Philippines campaign.

She declared her husband was a hardworking and honest man with a great sense of responsibility, and she was most bitter at what the war had done to them. She asked that every mercy be shown him.

"VERY KIND"

Another document, addressed to the Commander, Land Forces, Hongkong, was from Ishimo Yuhiko, a former Japanese resident of Shanghai, who had been arrested by the Gendarmerie and interrogated by Yokohata. Ishimo said that Yokohata had been very kind to him during the questioning and had sympathised with him. There were many other civilians besides himself in Shanghai at that time who felt greatly obliged to the accused whose own opinion was contrary to that of his superiors.

The third affidavit, from Teramoto Nabukata, a village elder who had known Yokohata for many years, declared that Yokohata was a kind-hearted person who showed great promise in his early life when he was a clerk and prior to his enlistment in the Japanese Army in 1935. Teramoto appealed for leniency for the accused, and asked that consideration be given to the difficult situation facing the family in Japan.

JUDGMENT FOR CONVENT

Family Wiped Out In Collision

Judgment was given by Mr Justice Reynolds at the Supreme Court this morning for the Mother Superior of the Daughters of Charity of the Canossian Institutes (Hongkong) who claimed possession of two floors of 34 Caine Road, adjoining the premises of the Canossian Convent.

Mr J. T. Prior appeared for the plaintiff while the defendants, Ping Shek, residing on the ground floor of the disputed premises, and Karen Weiss, tenant of the second floor, were represented by Mr M. A. da Silva.

President Truman May Get A Rise

Washington, Dec. 19.—Representative John D. Dingell today proposed that President Truman's salary be raised to £25,000 a year, with an extra £25,000 tax-free expense account.

Mr Dingell's plan, which he will submit to the new Congress when it opens on January 3, would also give Presidents a £6,200 annual pension on their retirement, in return for free advice to their successors.—United Press.

Wounding Charge

Chan Ilin-wan, 31, unemployed, of Shengtai, charged with wounding Tsing Pui-ming and her mother Wong Fuk, maintained his plea of not guilty before Mr Justice Wicks at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr M. Keenan, Crown Counsel, said that the accused had been remanded from the last sessions. He produced a medical certificate which stated that Chan "was now fit to stand trial."

Loses Scalp In Wringer



Mrs Alice Addis, 23, is comforted by her tearful mother, Mrs Nicholas Bals, and her husband, Edward Addis, in a hospital in Los Angeles, Calif., after her scalp was torn off when her hair caught in a wringer. She was married last Thanksgiving Day. Doctors sewed the scalp back on and said her condition was not serious.—AP Picture.

Dutch Statements Defend "Police Action" In Indonesia

Paris, Dec. 19.—The Netherlands Cabinet "unanimously decided" on action in Indonesia after the Republicans had failed to define their attitude towards The Netherlands within a time limit set for yesterday, a Dutch statement disclosed here tonight.

Mr Jan Herman Van Royen, leader of the Dutch delegation to the United Nations and Dutch Ambassador in Ottawa, told newsmen that the Indonesian Republican Premier, Dr Mohammed Hatta, had been given until yesterday to reply to a Dutch request for a definition of his Government's attitude.

When no answer was received, the Dutch Cabinet decided to "start police action to restore order in the Republic," Mr Van Royen said.

Mr Van Royen said the Dutch had asked the following questions:

1.—Was the Republic of Indonesia prepared to cease systematic violations of the truce agreed to between the two armies?

2.—Was the Republic of Indonesia prepared to guarantee Dutch sovereignty and a unified command during the transition period, pending Indonesian independence?

3.—Was the Republic of Indonesia prepared gradually to incorporate her Army into the Indonesian Federal Army?

Reviewing the events leading up to the decision to take police action, Mr Van Royen said the Renville Agreement, signed last January between The Netherlands and the Republic of Indonesia, had been "consistently violated by extremist elements in the Republic of Indonesia who want to dominate the whole of Indonesia."

Many Republican leaders would like to reach an agreement with the Dutch, he added, "but they are dominated by the extremists who have a powerful influence, mainly over the Army."

Dr Hatta, the Republican Premier, himself had proved "helpless in the face of extremist opposition," Mr Van Royen added.

He went on: "Our objective is to establish a free and democratic Indonesia in which the Republic would play her part. But for this, we must first pacify the Republic. The terrorists want to set up a dictatorship over the rest of Indonesia. But we have promised the other states to safeguard their independence."

Dutch forces in Indonesia numbered about 100,000. The Republican forces were between 300,000 and 400,000.

Asked about tomorrow's Security Council meeting to discuss the Indonesian question, Mr Van Royen said: "The Dutch Government considers the Security Council incompetent in this matter of domestic jurisdiction."

HAGUE STATEMENT

At The Hague, the Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr D. U. Stikker, stated tonight that Holland had prepared a dossier on the Indonesian situation which would justify the Dutch "police action" before the Security Council.

He said the Government had been working for two months on dossiers and "booklets" giving inside information on the Republican true violations and other facts.

He added that the timing of the "police action" had nothing to do with the time table of the Security Council. When making his statement, the Foreign Minister was not aware that a special session of the Security Council had been called for tomorrow to discuss Indonesia.

Dr Stikker said there would be no "neutralisation" of the Indonesian Republican leaders captured by

REDS CLOSER TO NANKING

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of defensible positions without a fight, heightened the impression that General Fu seeks a deal rather than a battle.

Nanking military sources said

there was increasing Communist activity around Tientsin.

Comparatively, small Communist forces were said by the official Central Daily News to have captured a town near Tangku, the big seaport 27 miles from Tientsin.

Dispatches via Peking said the Communists also had brought down the Tientsin airfield under artillery fire.

The field is three miles southeast of

Tientsin on the road to Tangku, indicating that Tientsin may already

have been cut off from its port.

Associated Press.

Tragic Finish To Picnic

Buenos Aires, Dec. 19.—Twenty

people were killed and 25 injured

when a motor coach carrying 45

picnickers collided with a truck

near San Isidro, 10 miles

northwest of Buenos Aires.

Rioter.

RADIO HONGKONG:

Continuous Xmas Day Programme

Radio Hongkong will broadcast continuously for 15 hours and 40 minutes on Christmas Day, establishing a local record.

The station will open up at 8 o'clock in the morning and remain on the air until 11.40 p.m.

Highlights of the day will be the relay from London "Good Neighbour," a Christmas Day round-the-world link-up of goodwill messages, narrated by Robert Donat, followed an hour later by the King's Christmas broadcast.

Then, at 11.31, Christmas bells will be heard from London.

Christmas is the central theme of the entire day's programmes, starting with famous carols sung by the BBC Chorus at 8 p.m.

"Christmas Fare," a programme of specially selected records, will be heard at 9.35 p.m., and at 11 o'clock the Christmas service from St John's Cathedral will be relayed.

At 2 p.m. Linda Carter will present "Unit Requests," and at 3 o'clock listeners can hear excerpts from Handel's "Messiah."

Nan Dickinson will present her Hospital Request Hour at 5 o'clock, and at 6 the Children's Hour will be devoted to carols from "Round the World," and 6 BBC Christmas Party.

At 8 o'clock there will be the Christmas edition of "Much Binding in the Marsh," and at 8.30, Saturday Round-Up will bring to the microphone the crew of the plane which brought the Christmas mail from England.

At 8.40 will be heard the first episode in Dorothy L. Sayers' radio classic, "The Man Born to Be King," followed at 9.30 by a carol symphony.

Then follows "Good Neighbours," the King's broadcast, Radio Newsreel, a Christmas hymn, and Christmas bells. The station will go off the air at 11.40 p.m.

Full details of the day's programmes will appear in next Friday's edition of the Hongkong Telegraph.

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Numerous historic trees, hundreds of years old, and of remarkable circumference which are among the attractions around the marble Temple of Heaven, are being uprooted with minor explosives for spreading the construction of a second emergency airfield.

First aid units and medical centres are being established in various parts of the city under the initiative of the Public Health Bureau.

It was learned today that the British Consul-General, Mr. Scott L. Burdett, has requested an early interview with the Tientsin Garrison Commander to discuss the protection of foreign property and residents with growing signs that both Peking and Tientsin may be turned into battlegrounds.

Membership of the British Commonwealth did not imply the curtailment of trade with the Soviet Union, the President said.

"If our independence can be jeopardised by remaining in the Commonwealth we shall never think of associating with it, but in the present era it is not possible to remain in isolation," he concluded.

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U.K. Businessmen
"Want Monopoly"

Karachi, Dec. 19.—Tenzuuddin Khan, President of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly, today, occupied certain sections of British businessmen's "of trying to maintain the monopoly of trade and business with Pakistan."

Addressing the old boys of Ismail College here, Tenzuuddin Khan said he hoped the British Government would realise the narrowness of the attitude of these men, who "do not want Pakistan to develop industrially."

Membership of the British Commonwealth did not imply the curtailment of trade with the Soviet Union, the President said.

"If our independence can be jeopardised by remaining in the Commonwealth we shall never think of associating with it, but in the present era it is not possible to remain in isolation," he concluded.

Reuter

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE CRICKET

ARMY'S SORRY DISPLAY AT SOOKUNPOO

The too-lightly regarded Royal Navy XI, playing as a Royal Navy IX, saved the face of local Services' cricket on Saturday by putting up a fairly creditable display against the KCC at King's Park.

Had rain not interfered, there was an outside chance that the Navy might have beaten a KCC team which, if to some extent a very "scratch" affair, was no more "scratch" than the Navy side.

Navy replied with 78 for five to KCC's 101 for nine wickets declared and some wild goggling could have made all the difference had not rain poured down. The match is to be replayed.

While Navy was putting up this heavy show, Army at Sookunpoo just missed being all out for 22 against the Scorpions as Owen-Hughes failed to hold a catch in the slips that would have given him a run-a-ball analysis of seven for six.

Army crept up to 47 as Phillips, breathing easier after this "life", proceeded to become top-scorer with a merry 23.

It did not take the Scorpions very long to win by nine wickets.

JUST AS BADLY

The RAF were meanwhile, doing as badly at Chater Road. Though Gambrell's good length accounted for four good Optimists' wickets at a cost of 44 runs, there was no stopping the Optimists' reaching 100 for nine wickets.

By "RECODER"



They just failed by some 15 minutes. It was Franklin, finally, who took the last RAF wicket, finishing with an analysis of 2.2-2-2.

EASY FOR RECREIO

It was not anticipated that Recreio would have a difficult time against the IRC at Sookunpoo and they did not.

The Indians were all out for 49 and Recreio lost four wickets passing that. These included Gerry Gosano, bowled by Ismail for a mere meagre three.

At Happy Valley, University batting had one of its better days reaching 104 against Billimorin (for 82) and Crabtree (0 for 45).

For some reason yet to be explained, the University bowling and fielding failed to get Crangengower all out.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Recreio	8	6	2	0	20
Scorpions	8	5	1	2	21
Army	8	4	3	1	19
Optimists	8	4	2	2	18
University	8	3	3	3	15
RAF	8	4	4	3	12
KCC	7	2	3	2	11
IRC	8	2	2	4	10
Crangengower	8	0	1	2	6
Royal Navy	8	0	2	0	2

BATTING:

	Innings	Not	Out	Runs	Highest	Average
O. J. Kerr (Scorpions)	0	115	47*	57.50		
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	7	282	110	56.40		
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	6	275	55*	55.00		
Dr E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	7	183	79	45.75		
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	6	110	28*	36.66		
L. D. Kilbey (Optimists)	1	177	85*	35.40		
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	2	120	57*	30.00		
P. M. N. da Silva (Recreio)	4	116	33*	29.00		
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	7	133	38*	26.00		
A/C J. S. Belmo (RAF)	9	102	71	24.00		
D. H. Leach (Scorpions)	6	143	48	23.83		
G. A. Souza (Crangengower)	2	142	39*	23.66		
J. M. Gosano (University)	1	169	72*	23.62		
N. R. Oliver (Optimists)	6	138	64	23.00		
M. M. Little (Optimists)	7	134	56*	22.33		
E. C. Fincher (KCC)	1	152	53	21.71		
A. H. Madar (IRC)	1	105	48	21.00		
G. T. Rose (Optimists)	1	127	58*	19.57		
F/O M. D. Marshall (RAF)	8	151	39	18.67		
Major C. R. Murray Brown (Army)	8	146	52*	18.25		
A. Zimmerman (KCC)	8	143	42	17.87		
G. Hong Choy (Crangengower)	9	154	39	17.11		
W/Cdr A. D. Panion (RAF)	7	110	31	15.71		
D. Chellah (University)	8	125	34	15.62		
S. Ramchand (Crangengower)	9	137	29	15.22		
• Not Out. Qualification: 100 runs with an average above 15.00.						

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. D. Clague (Scorpions)	25.3	9	51	10	5.10
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	19.3	4	61	11	5.64
Lt A. Stepto (Army)	70.2	10	150	21	7.14
Cpl Hart (Royal Navy)	44	14	117	10	7.31
Gen D. Bonham (Army)	71.4	20	164	21	7.80
L/Cpl L. Jones (Army)	39	6	132	16	8.25
Dr E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	91.3	31	175	21	8.52
A/C D. Graham (RAF)	69	19	206	23	8.90
T. P. Mahon (Optimists)	71.5	17	212	23	9.21
C. K. Koh (University)	68.5	7	241	23	9.26
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	42.4	9	129	13	9.92
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	85	19	224	22	10.18
A. R. Kitchell (IRC)	28	4	117	11	10.63
G. Hong Choy (Crangengower)	22.1	0	111	10	11.10
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	59.5	5	158	16	12.37
Cpl A. Hodgson (RAF)	47.6	7	218	17	12.82
CPO White (Royal Navy)	62	10	245	10	12.89
F/O E. N. Gambrell (RAF)	62	15	270	21	13.28
S. M. Teh (University)	85	13	244	18	13.55
A. K. Ismail (IRC)	76.5	14	209	21	14.23
T. H. Lean (University)	62	15	210	15	14.60
F. R. Zimmerman (KCC)	68	21	408	32	14.02
P. J. Billimorin (Crangengower)	132	21	148	10	14.80
A. E. Perry (Optimists)	51	10	148	10	14.80
R. E. Lee (KCC)	73	11	216	14	15.42
T. Crabtree (Crangengower)	130.3	24	302	25	15.68
Qualification: 10 wickets for an average of under 10.00.					

SECOND DIVISION**Two Narrow Victories**

The KCC surrendered their last slim chance of winning the second division championship on Saturday in what was, for them, a heart-break game against the Stoccutters Island eleven which this year is representing the Navy in this division.

Price, Navy's last man in with the KCC holding a slender lead of eight runs, appeared to be well stumped, but the decision was given in the batsman's favour and he immediately lashed out and scored the necessary runs for a one-wicket victory.

The Navy wicket was tricky when the KCC batted and both Windmill and Noise made the ball come through at disconcerting heights and speeds. There was much less venom in the pitch when Navy batted, chiefly because of a persistent light rain which finally became a downpour.

BOWLER'S DAY

If the cricket was not brilliant, it was fascinating and exciting. It was a bowler's day with Windmill, Noise, D. G. White and Matthews dominating.

Until Price hit him in the last over of the day, it appeared to be impossible to score off Matthews. The KCC right-hand spin bowler sent down 14 overs (bowling right through the innings), seven of which were maidens and conceded only 13 runs for three wickets. With an ounce of luck, his analysis would have been even more impressive.

Hughes, the Navy captain looked as though he was going to get the required runs from his own bat, but after scoring 10 quickly and by means of powerful strokes, he lashed out blindly and with a cross bat to a long-hop from White (his first ball) and that was that.

Navy's batting was not impressive, but they fielded very smartly and in Windmill and Noise possess two good spin bowlers capable of making every use of an advantageous pitch.

D. G. White had the best figures of the day (6 for 33) and this young

ONE RUN VICTORY

There was no lack of excitement at the Recreio where the junior home team lost by one run to the Indian Recreation Club, who remain in a very solid position at head of the league table.

It was another bowlers' match, and it is in this department that the Indians have been so very strong this season. Molwala and the two Ebrahims form the spear-head of a consistent attack, but unless the Indians can improve their batting they may be in for some defeats before the season ends.

Recreio, a very young side, have not quite realised the promise given at the start of the season, but the material for a champions' team is there and they will certainly be a formidable side next year.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
IRC	5	4	0	1	10
RAF	4	3	1	2	9
Army	5	2	1	3	8
Royal Navy	4	2	0	2	6
KCC	5	1	0	4	5
Recreio	5	1	0	4	5

Baseball's World Championship

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—An international amateur baseball tournament, sponsored by the National Baseball Congress, will be held in Tokyo in October, 1950. Instead of next year, Global Commissioner J. Taylor Spink announced today.

Spink said the delay was requested by Major General W. F. Marquart, NBC Commissioner in Japan. He said that Marquart advised that Japan should be able to handle the series in 1950, "even to the peace treaty," if not already.

Twenty-eight-year-old Musial, who previously won batting honours in 1943 and 1944, virtually blanked the rest of the field in other offensive departments. Most total bases (49), most triples (18), most doubles (49), most triples (18), most doubles (49),

most runs (100), most RBIs (100), most sacrifice flies (10), most sacrifice hits (10), most walks (100), most stolen bases (10), most errors (10), most assists (100), most putouts (100), most fielding percentage (.999), most games (100), most starts (100), most complete games (100), most shutouts (100), most saves (100), most wins (100), most losses (100), most strikeouts (100), most hits (100), most runs batted in (100

• FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS •

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

• MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Not Finessing Wins Game, Rubber Here

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

ARTIE DUNN, Morty Nevins and Al Nevins, known to music lovers as The Three Suns, dropped in the other day.

Morty told a few stories, including the one about the card player who joined Alcoholics Anonymous and was afraid he might be expelled when he took up the game called gin.

After a game of Kalabria with Morty, we decided to play bridge. I played with Artie, who is considered a very good pinochle player. His pinochle experience gave us game and rubber on today's hand.

Unfortunately for him, Morty opened the ten of clubs, which Artie won with the ace. In pinochle you force out the opponents' high

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AROUND THE WORLD:

Delphi: City of the Oracle

By TEMPLE MANNING

A LETTER from a member of the American mission in Greece gives a vivid account of a wonderful day spent at Delphi. It led us to retrace in retrospect the 150 miles between Athens and Delphi—a wonderful run, filled with history and interest, every mile of it. In ancient times, the road was covered on horseback or by chariot. They went up from the Gulf of Corinth on foot, for chariots could not climb the steep mountain to Delphi.

The city of the oracle is situated on the slope of Mount Parnassus, high, very high, but with the mountains rising above it for another mile or more. There is a good motor road up to Kastri, a town near Delphi.

Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the ocean that completely encircles the earth.
 2. Where was George Bernard Shaw born?
 3. Which is the most expensive fur?
 4. Name the principal opera house in London.
 5. What road is called Via Dolorosa?
 6. From what breeds of dogs was the bulldog developed?
- (Answers on Column 5)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Willy Toad Found an Acorn
—And He Didn't Know What to Do With It—

By MAX TRELL

WILLY the Toad was hopping along under the oak tree when all of once he stumbled against something. Looking down at his feet, he saw he had stumbled against a small brown object with a little cap on it.

"Ah!" he said to himself, "An acorn!" Willy looked around to see if it belonged to anyone. But no one was around except the oak tree. "I don't suppose it wants this acorn any more. Its branches are full of them. I'll just take it with me. It's a pretty little acorn," he continued as he hopped along with it. "I wonder what I could use it for."

Willy thought and thought; as he hopped and hopped, until he reached the end of the field, he still hadn't thought of what he could do with the acorn he found.

Met a Cricket

Just then, he met a cricket. "Cricket," Willy said, "I've just found this pretty little acorn. What can I do with it?"

"You could make a pipe out of it," replied the cricket. "Hollow out the inside with a knife. Then make a hole at the side near the bottom, stick a straw in it—and there you have a pipe!"

"That's all very well," said Willy. "A pipe is a wonderful thing to have. But Toads like me don't smoke pipes."

With that Willy hopped off again. A few hops further, he met a robin. "Robin," said Willy. "I've just found this acorn. Cricket said I should make a pipe out of it. But Toads like

Even those that generally classify all ruins as bits and pieces unworthy



Temple of Apollo, Delphi, Greece

of even a first look, are amazed at the sight before them. It is stupendous, worth coming half way round the world to visit. Few people remain unmoved by the climb up the Sacra Via to the Temple of Apollo, or what remains of it. The Sacra Via is a flagstone stairway lined with broken columns, bits of statues, and the beautiful carvings of a civilization of twenty-five hundred years ago.

Stone Blocks

The Temple of Apollo, under the floor of which the oracle is supposed to have held forth, is all gone now, save for some columns and the great stone blocks that made the foundation. Fifteen huge columns supported the great roof of the building, in which there was a great egg-shaped stone that supposedly marked the centre of the world. On this stone the two eagles that Zeus had caused to fly from the opposite ends of the earth met and roosted together, or so says mythology!

Above the temple, on Mount Parnassus, are the remains of a great theatre, and higher still are the remains of the stadium, where ancient games were held. The theatre, an open-air hall of limestone slabs, with seats of stone, was in existence two thousand years ago, for that was when distinguished Athenians gave money for restoration work on it. The acoustics are just about perfect, as many sound engineers have stated. Like the great stadium, it must have been a terrific spectacle when in use.

Yrs. truly,
Jameson Lethbridge.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE raising of the Federal Reserve Bank rate from 1½ to 2 percent means that the American banks will be able to replenish their contingency accounts without paying any attention to central credit control.

A corresponding rise in bond prices will have an effect on Marshall aid by forcing us to draw on our interest bills instead of pooling them at the normal discount level. One not very satisfactory reply would be to freeze the National Debt.

Strabismus

DR STRABISMUS (Whom God Preserves) of Utrecht thinks that it may be easier to land on the far side of the moon than on its near side. On his next attempt in a rocket-ship, he will try to go right round the moon and come in at the back, thus taking advantage of the gravitational pull which is lacking if you come in at the front. The rocket-ship is being slowly built at Wagening Parva under conditions of such secrecy that the workers have no idea what they are doing, and the overseers and foremen are given meaningless formulae and prints, in order to mislead them.

The tomato controversy

DEAR SIR.—Your correspondent Miss Legros seems to forget that if there is no resemblance between a televised dummy tomato and a televised real tomato it would be absurd to put a stalk on the dummy, apart from the uselessness of using the real tomato if it cannot be mistaken for the dummy. And the same holds true of the opposite case.

Yrs. truly,
Jameson Lethbridge.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. The Arctic Ocean which extends around the earth north of the Arctic Circle. 2. Dublin, Ireland. 3. Chinchilla. 4. Covent Garden Theatre. 5. The road leading from the Mount of Olives to Golgotha, which Jesus traversed on His way to His crucifixion. 6. From the British mastiff and the large pure

of southeastern Asia.

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

BORN today, a natural versatility may become mislabelled "in-stability" by those who do not thoroughly understand your temperament. Quite frankly, you do not always understand your own motivations. Highly sensitive to the critical-reaction-of-outsiders, you dislike showing it and will cultivate a blustering bravado to cover up.

Although highly co-operative at heart, you are not one to go out looking for someone with whom to co-operate. You will go your lone way until someone makes a request and will get the reputation for being either egocentric or too individualistic.

Your emotions actually are near the surface, but here again you dislike showing them. However, when they do break out, they are a hundred times more forceful and astonish even yourself by their power. You are inherently patient and it takes a lot of piling up of opposition to make you break out. But once the storm does burst, your self-confidence, powerful will and aggressive constructiveness assert themselves.

You may have difficulty in finding a marriage partner unless you express your true nature without repression.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Good for travel and business, but avoid any possible argument with members of the opposite sex.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A romantic day for you, perhaps combined with a short trip. Employees may anticipate recognition for past work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Not a time-wasting day. This is a moment to take full advantage of all opportunities offered to you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Good for expansion and business progress, provided you avoid having an argument with members of the opposite sex.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Merchandising appears in a favourable light, so take full advantage of opportunities now offered you.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Morning hours are the best for all projects. Don't overdo things, however. Be moderate in your demands.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Anticipate excellent results from all efforts expended at this time. Know what you want and ask for it.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Be careful of all detail work. During the morning, some new job opportunity may open up for you.

CRAB (June 23-July 22)—Moderation in love and romance is now indicated. When it comes to new business ventures, be cautious.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Personal affairs may loom very important. Don't let them conflict with other matters. Keep your own counsel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Business expansion is indicated if you are very wise in knowing how to operate properly. Profits in sight now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—All employees are especially favoured particularly if in transportation or public business. Act accordingly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Anticipate excellent results from all efforts expended at this time. Know what you want and ask for it.

HONGKONG SHARES

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UNION DOMINATED BY REDS COMMITTEE'S ALLEGATION

Washington, Dec. 19.—The House Labour sub-Committee today charged that the CIO United Electrical Workers of America were dominated by Communists and called the situation a "serious threat to the security of the United States."

A report released by the sub-Committee chairman, Representative Charles Kersten, called the American Communist Party a "sinister apparatus controlled from abroad."

"It is mostly composed of misguided but intelligent and resourceful zealots who would break the dyke of civilization and let barbarism flood the world," said the report.

Stating that the Communist Party "seeks sources of power that can paralyse America," it said the Party had "gained a strong foothold in one of the nation's most strategic industries—electrical industry".

The report charged that the Communists had "seized control" of the National Office Executive Board, and paid the staff of newspapers and a number of District Councils and Locals of the CIO Electrical Union, the largest in the electrical industry.

SECURITY THREATENED

Noting that many products of the electrical industry relate to national defence, it said, "The above facts, taken together, constitute a serious threat to the security of the United States."

The Electrical Workers Union is the largest of the CIO Left Wing Unions, with membership of over 600,000. The CIO President, Philip Murray, has not tried to purge its leaders as he has those of other CIO affiliates.

National CIO leaders believe the electrical group's officers are not actually Communists and can be won away from Left Wing leanings.

In addition, the Union's top officers were overwhelmingly re-elected in October.—United Press.

CATHEDRAL'S NAVE RESTORED

Vienna, Dec. 19.—The main nave of the war-damaged Cathedral of St Stephen was officially re-opened today with a pontifical High Mass, celebrated by the Archbishop of Vienna, Cardinal Theodor Innitzer.

The Archbishop ceremoniously opened the great door with a golden key before leading procession to the high altar.

For an hour the cathedral choir sang and the whole building was flood-lit. Loudspeakers had been installed to broadcast the ceremony to the huge crowds outside, who joined in the hymns.

The cathedral was badly damaged during the battle for the city in April 1945. Half a million glazed tiles were provided to restore the multi-coloured roof and other materials were made available for renewal of precious frescoes, paintings, statues and gargoyles.—Reuter.

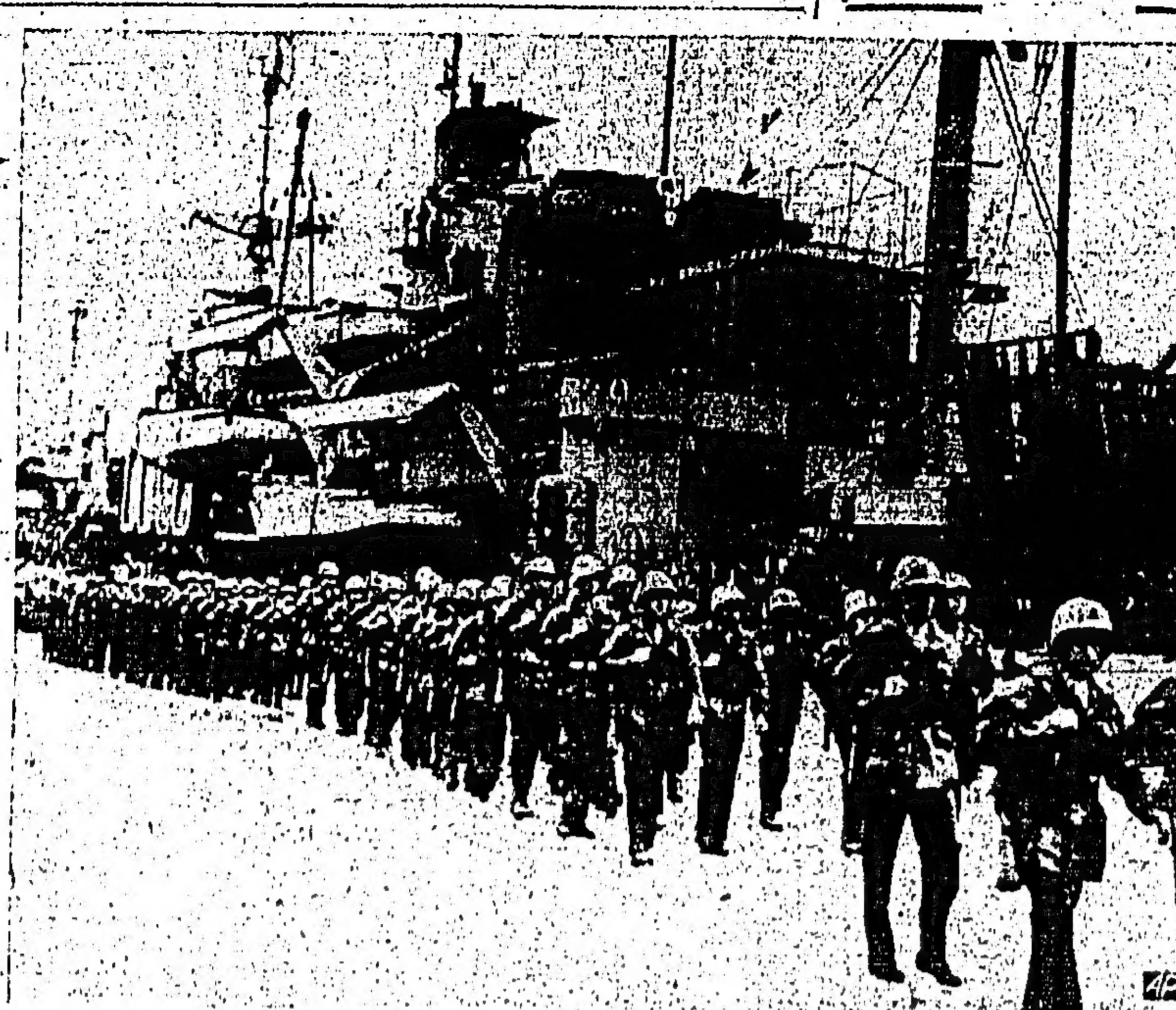
Gen's Memory Honoured

Shanghai, Dec. 20.—An impressive memorial service for the late Nationalist commander, General Huang Po-fao, and Commander Liu Shen-hao, of the 4th Division, who fell in the battle of Huichow, was held at a Chinese theatre here yesterday with over 3,000 people attending.

The Mayor of Shanghai, Mr K. C. Wu, presided over the mass meeting and lauded the "glorious example" of the two military leaders. Quoting the famous hard-fighting General Yo Fei in Chinese history, Mayor Wu said the war will come to a victorious end if "civil servants shun money and Army officers defy death."

Among other speakers were Mr Fang Chih, head of the local Kuomintang headquarters, and Mr Sui Hsiang-yun, chairman of the Shanghai General Labour Union.

Many crippled and wounded Army officers and soldiers who served under the late General Huang Po-fao were also present.—Reuter.



The Marines Arrive

GENERAL STRIKE CALLED ITALIAN CIVIL SERVANTS

Rome, Dec. 19.—Italian workers were ready to fight to the bitter end, Signor Giuseppe di Vittorio, Secretary General of the Communist-led Italian General Confederation of Labour, said in a speech in Rome tonight.

Signor di Vittorio's six million strong union group has called a general strike of Government employees which is due to begin at midnight. He added that Signor Alcide de Gasperi's Government "is an autocratic Government and it should go."

The Premier, Signor de Gasperi, in a speech on the radio, declared that Government servants could only be paid more money by increasing taxes and added: "If we granted greater increases than prices would rise in a spate."

Premier's Promise

The Premier promised that all legitimate claims would be made good once Italy has recovered from the ravages of war. Asking against whom the strike was directed, Signor de Gasperi said: "This is not a conflict between capital and labour. Public administration is not a capitalist undertaking, yielding profits, but operated in the service of the nation."

He said the public employees have the greatest interest in seeing freedom does not perish in Italy "as has happened in so many other countries of Europe."

The General Confederation of Labour has called a 24-hour strike throughout the Government services because it considers inadequate the wage increases for State employees.

Railways, telegraphs, telephones and posts are among the services which will be affected. The two million strong Independent Trade Union Movement under the Catholic trade union leader, Signor Giulio Pastore, said today it would not part.

PLEBISCITE

The Trade Union Movement is still awaiting the results of a plebiscite for or against strike action among its provincial organisations.

With the help of the independent Trade Union Movement, the Government hopes to maintain skeleton railway services during the strike.

The Government has announced that these services will run with "full safety measures" thus answering the Communist newspaper, Uniti, which today alleged that trains would run "without the legal safety devices."

The Government also told workers that they are liable to dismissal and prosecution if they took part in "any movement disturbing normal public services."

The Italian population seemed to-night but little worried by the strike call as they prepared for the most plentiful Christmas since the war.—Reuter.

LEAKAGES IN EXPORT CONTROLS

Washington, Dec. 19.—A Senate super-investigating Committee today charged that there were "serious delinquencies" in United States export controls and demanded stricter enforcement to make sure goods shipped abroad did not trickle through the Iron Curtain.

The Committee, headed by Senator Homer Ferguson, said the export programme was being handled better now, but "there is still considerable room for improvement."

Its report was based on a long investigation of an alleged black market in forged export licences and charges that scarce commodities eventually found their way to Russia in virtually all cases of sciolism and immediate significance. It was relationships or sympathies with Communist groups in this country that brought about terminations of employment," he said.

VITAL INFORMATION

He issued his statement as the Committee prepared to map out its espionage investigating programme for the rest of the year. Legislators will meet tomorrow morning to confer what witnesses they will hear. There is a possibility they will hear George Hewitt, negro ex-Communist who promised to provide "vital information" on Soviet espionage. However, he made his promise on condition of protection. Committee members said Hewitt would receive that protection, through formal subpoena, which would bring him under the law, making it a criminal offence to molest a witness who has appeared before a Congressional Committee.

Mr Mundt said the Committee might not hear Hewitt until later in the week. Mr Mundt is negotiating with the Justice Department for permission to call eight witnesses who may be involved in the espionage investigation of the New York Federal Grand Jury. Mr Mundt said the Committee wanted to call Mrs Alice Hix, Alger's brother Donald, Henry Julian Wanleigh and William Ward Bigman, former Government employees also accused by Chambers and Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley, another sol-

This figure does not include losses of certain subsidiary and associated companies.

This loss was expected to be more than doubled by the end of the current financial year, and the final deficit was bound to exceed £3,000,000 subsidy voted for the three corporations this year, the Ministry's statement said.

"While substantial progress has been made over the last two years, there is still far to go," the statement said.

The measures of reorganisation and economy, which have not yet had time to exert much influence on financial results, are being pursued with drastic vigour. New aircraft will begin to come into service next year."

The British Overseas Airways, the biggest of the three concerns, lost £2,784,000 in the six months period, compared with £3,194,000 in 1947, while the corporation's revenue has risen by over £1,000,000, from £6,037,107 to £7,045,034.—Reuter.

He regards the Middle East as a "tinder box" which can be ignited into war" and "a key point for effective internal aggression by Communists in the Arab countries."

He wants Israel to have the loan for a recovery programme of "self-help and mutual co-operation" in the Middle East.—Reuter.

Schooners To Sail 18,000 Miles

Now, Dec. 19.—A group of Soviet schoolboys leaving Leningrad to join the Far Eastern Fleet will cover 18,000 miles under sail crossing the Baltic, the North Sea, and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans in a voyage to Vladivostok, Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said today.

They will be used as fishing vessels and despatch-boats with the fleet.—Reuter.

POCKET CARTOON



"Now, remember, Jenkins, I don't want any favouritism—in the Territories I'm a private and you're a colonel—but don't get tough!"

ONE WORLD CITIZEN TO BE HEARD

Brussels, Dec. 19.—Garry Davis, self-styled citizen of the world, has been called everything, from a full-fledged crackpot to an ordinary publicity hound, but Belgian newspapers are taking him seriously.

The Socialist Party organ, Le Peuple, devoted to him a 2,000-word front page editorial by their political director, Victor Larock. He is generally considered as one of the most powerful influences in the Belgian Socialist Party and is also a Belgian representative to the United Nations General Assembly.

Although admitting that a world divided in two camps makes world federation almost impossible, Larock says that the ex-bomber pilot is right about millions of Europeans."

CONSCIENCE PROTEST

He is right about parliamentarians and governments who often clearly see the course they should follow, but have not the courage to win the people over to them. We are going to hear him and encourage him if he comes to Belgium as announced. His protest is one of human conscience."

The Liberal Party organ, Le Démocrate, in another front page editorial, said that Garry Davis is "probably a sincere man" but it wonders if he knows the "consequences of his acts".

The paper suspects that his one-world campaign is being financed by "engaged in Communism" and adding: "This citizen of the world inspired us with more distrust than sympathy."—United Press.

Mersey Collision

London, Dec. 19.—The 3,459-ton Swedish motor vessel, Kajlum, bound for Narvik, collided today with the 1,988-ton Danish steamer Harold in the Mersey according to a Lloyd's message.

The Kajlum had two plates on the starboard side dented and the Harold was damaged forward and has taken water. Both ships will be docked.—Reuter.

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